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Man dies in Christmas Eve crash

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The road was closed for 10 hours while police investigated the scene and removed the HGV, which had come off the road and was in a steeply-sloped wooded area.

The spokesperson added: "Officers from the Exeter Serious Collisions Investigation Unit have launched an investigation into the collision and are appealing for witnesses to contact them.

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Cadet officer rewarded for voluntary service

■ IMPRESSIVE HAUL: Hontion cadet officers Zoe and Helen were rewarded during a Lympstone parade

A DEVON Army Cadet Force Sergeant Major Instructor from Honiton celebrated a double achievement during a recent parade.

Sergeant Major Instructor Helen Turner, who belongs to the Honiton detachment of the Devon Army Cadet Force, was presented with a Diamond Jubilee Medal at a parade held at Royal Marine Commando Barracks at Lympstone on Saturday, December 8th.

The medal marks the Queen's 60 years on the throne and is predominantly awarded to those in the armed forces, emergency services and prison service.

In addition, Sergeant Major Instructor Turner was also awarded the Cadet Force Medal in recognition of her 12 years of voluntary service with the Army Cadet Force.

To cap it off, her daughter, Staff Sergeant Zoe Braunton-Turner, was presented with her certificate for BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Public Services.

About 80 members of the Army Cadet Force were presented with medals or certificates during the parade.

Brigadier Piers Hankinson Commander 43 (Wessex) Brigade presented the medals accompanied by Brigadier Simon Young CBC Honorary Colonel of Devon ACF and Colonel Ashley Fulford Commandant of Devon ACF.

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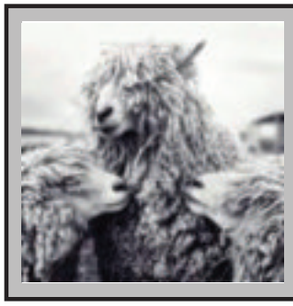

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IN THIS WEEK'S PULMAN'S VIEW

Sport

2012 success for local swimmers

CHARD & District Swimming Club, which attracts many members from the East Devon area, competed in their final competition of 2012 last weekend at the Yeovil Christmas Open Meet held over two days at Millfield.

Twenty-five swimmers aged between nine and 17 took part, notching up some great performances which yielded 38 top three medal positions; 12 Golds, 14 Silvers and 12 Bronze.

In addition 27 regional qualifying times and an amazing 66 County times were also achieved over the two days between the swimmers.

The club is always looking for new members age seven and upwards; anyone interested in joining can come along for a free trial – contact us via our web-site www.chardswimming.org.uk

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NEW YEAR MESSAGES

AXMINSTER: Mayor Andrew Moulding, in his annual report, spoke of an "exciting year" with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, and Olympics, marred by the poor summer weather.

SIDMOUTH: Stuart Hughes, chairman of Sidmouth Town Council, in his New Year message, said he was confident the town could pull together in 2013 to overcome the financial downturn.

SEATON: Mayor Peter Burrows emphasised the importance of promoting Seaton as a coastal tourist destination in 2013 in his New Year message to residents.

OTTERY: Mayor Glyn Dobson in his New Year message said the town was looking forward to the challenges of 2013, not least the number of new homes to be built in Ottery.

Quote of the week...

"THE recent weather means the paths will be sodden, which increases the risk of landslips and falling trees and many river levels are much higher than usual because of the rain. It's also important that people make sure they are up to date with the latest flood and weather warning information, which can be found on the Environment Agency's website, and via the Met Office.

Councillor Stuart Hughes, DCC Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, urging walkers to be careful when cliff walking.

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NEWS AT A GLANCE IN EAST DEVON THIS WEEK

AXMINSTER

Multiple injuries in pub brawls

AN AXMINSTER man was left fighting for his life after being brutally assaulted at a local pub before Christmas.

Police and ambulance personnel were called to the Red Lion in Lyme Street and Axminster Inn in Silver Street in unrelated incidents in the early hours of Saturday morning.

A brawl at the Red Lion in Lyme Street involved around 30 revellers, resulting in several injuries including a possible malicious wounding.

A fight broke out at Axminster Inn where local trader Terry Barker suffered a fracture to the skull.

An eye witness told ***Pulman's View*** that Mr Barker, 43, was held in an armlock and then repeatedly kicked in the head by others.

As well as suffering serious head injuries, Mr Barker, who runs "Shoe Mate" in Silver Street, was left with eight broken ribs, two punctured lungs and several broken fingers. He was rushed to Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton where he was released after treatment.

But the severity of his injuries did not become apparent until he returned home to Axminster where his condition deteriorated rapidly and he was rushed by ambulance to Dorchester Hospital where he spent some time in intensive care.

Mr Barker, the father of two children, was celebrating with friends at the Axminster Inn after taking part in a "pagan" wedding ceremony on Lyme Regis beach earlier in the day.

The incidents are being investigated by CID officers from Honiton who said that all those involved in the brawls were being identified and would be interviewed No arrests have been made.

SEATON

Mayor's message

SEATON mayor Peter Burrows has emphasised the importance of promoting Seaton as a coastal destination during the current difficult financial climate.

This is one of the key points stressed by Cllr Burrows in his annual New Year message to Seatonians.

Cllr Burrows' message read: "In these hard times it is imperative that we promote Seaton as a coastal destination.

"We have great events such as the Carnival, Air Ambulance Week and the Grizzly, something we can build on to encourage visitors.

"The Stop Line cycle way should be completed in a couple of years and this, along with the improved Wetlands, should bring in the ecology minded tourist who should appreciate the Jurassic coast."

From the editor's chair

Town's night of shame

IN LAST week's column I was expressing the wish that all our readers would enjoy a peaceful Christmas.

Well, it turned out anything but for those who went out to enjoy a quiet pre-Christmas drink in two Axminster pubs, as reported on page one of our Axminster edition and on the East Devon News Digest on this page (*see left*).

Some people are referring it to it as "Axminster's night of shame" which may be a bit strong but certainly serious concern has been expressed over the severe beating meted out to one of the unfortunate victims in the two-pub brawls that took place in the early hours of last Saturday morning.

Axminster trader Terry Barker was left with a fracture to the skull, several broken ribs, two punctured lungs and four broken fingers.

That's a severe and shameful assault in any language.

Police and ambulance perseonnel were called to unrelated incidents at the Red Lion Inn and the Axminster Inn, two of Axminster's most popular public houses.

It is said that up to 30 revellers were involved in the disturbance outside the Red Lion.

Fortunately, after early concerns for his condition, Mr Barker has made a remarkable recovery and was discharged from hospital on Friday afternoon. It could have been a very different story.

At the time of going to press, no arrests had been made but police enquiries are continuing and it is to be hoped that the culprits of the attack on Mr Barker, and those responsible at the Red Lion earlier that evening, are apprehended and dealt with accordingly and with punishments which reflect the brutality of the attacks.

The incidents are bound to lead to calls for a greater police presence in Axminster. In recent years great concerns have been expressed about the policing levels in the town and the constant changing of personnel. Questions will certainly be asked at the next town council meeting.

With the newly appointed Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall, Tony Hogg, now in place, this may be an opportune moment for an invitation to be extended to him to visit Axminster and outline his plans for future policing of East Devon where, we are told, there is often only one policeman on duty at night to cover the whole area.

Philip Evans

COLYTON

Feoffees appoint first woman

THE COLYTON Chamber of Feoffees has appointed the first ever woman to hold an official role within the charitable group.

Sarah Charman has been appointed to the role of bailiff and will assume her duties in January. It is thought she is the first woman to hold the post or any other official post within the Chamber of Feoffees since it was established in 1546.

As bailiff, Mrs Charman will act as clerk to the Feoffees, taking minutes of meetings and being responsible for all paperwork and secretarial work.

Mrs Charman recently moved to Colyton from Southfields, London, following her retirement from the civil service. Her career in government included five years as press secretary at 10 Downing Street, serving Prime Ministers Margaret Thatcher and John Major.

Commenting on her new role in the latest Colyton *Church and Community* newsletter, she said: "I am delighted and honoured to have been appointed to this historic role and bailiff to the Chamber of Feoffees and am looking forward to serving the community in Colyton."

HONITON

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SIDMOUTH

Swimmers brave Boxing Day dip

AS HUNDREDS of spectators lined Sidmouth's seafront for the annual Boxing Day dip, brave swimmers were pulled from the sea after being swept onto the rocks.

Despite the stormy skies and choppy waters, a huge number of people braved the conditions to support the traditional Sidmouth swim, but a handful of unlucky swimmers emerged from the sea after being rescued by members of the lifeboat team, some of them badly grazed.

Just under 400 people participated in this year's dip, many arriving in a spectacular array of fancy dress Christmas themed costumes.

Packing the seafront with colourful costumes and imaginative outfits, the brave swimmers enjoyed festive punch provided by RNLI volunteers at Sidmouth's lifeboat station before gathering on the beach for the main event.

But as 11am struck, and the swimmers rushed into the cold waters, the rough seas and choppy conditions forced many to come running straight back out, some emerging from the water with cuts and minor injuries.

Organiser Keith Knight was quoted in a national newspaper, which prominently featured the drama under the headline of ""Swimming into terror", as saying: "A few people had a few scrapes but there was no serious injuries. It went well considering the weather."

Pulman's View from the churches

With NIGEL SPELLER

NEW Year is the time when the leaders of all our Churches like to offer messages for the months ahead, and this year is no exception.

First comes the outgoing Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams who used his final sermon at Canterbury Cathedral to reflect on the damage to the church's credibility caused by the vote against women bishops.

Pope Benedict XVI used his Christmas message (on Twitter) to pray for peace in the Middle East after acknowledging that religion has been misused in history. He addressed the conflicts raging across the Holy Land, North Africa, Mali, Nigeria.. and Kenya. He warned of the dangers when people think they have to take God's causes into their own hands. He did not deny a misuse of religion in history, but said that a world without God would not bring peace.

The incoming Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said at Durham, that it was easy to be despondent about the Church, when reflecting on the growing clash between secular and religious morals. The true Christmas story which has at its heart the triumph of love over hopefulness and weakness over strength, justify the Church's struggles for "good news" in our poor world.

The year ahead is likely to see more clashes over issues of women bishops and gay marriages. In all these messages great use was made of Twitter in order to reach younger Britons. Our Prime Minister also adopted a mostly Christian note in his message which spoke of faith giving hope to countless millions, referring to Jesus as "the light of all mankind." Also a former Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Carey, said that the PM should be applauded for having nailed his colour to the mast.

Our own Bishop of Exeter ended the old year in the news at the House of Lords, by offering views on the Israeli-Arab conflict, and criticism of forthcoming cuts in payments of disability allowance, which will severely reduce recipients ability to help themselves from April next. Government response was not entirely hopeful.

Looking ahead, there is confirmation that the women bishops legislation will be revisited by the House of Bishops of the General Synod in time for the next General Synod in July 2013. Before then the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2013 comes in January 2013 from 18th-25th. Churches Together in Britain offer booklets from their website.

A Happy New Year to all our readers.

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Explorer scouts take trip of a lifetime to Denmark jamboree

EXPLORER Scouts from Honiton are celebrating after they achieved the coveted Explorer Belt following a long trek on foreign grounds.

Leaving with around 40 other scouts and explorers on their way to the international jamboree in Denmark, Ryan, Zoe, Georgia and Emily were dropped off in Germany to begin their challenge of a lifetime.

Their mission was to cover 100 miles over 10 days, using public transport as little as possible. Along with their kit, the four Honiton explorers crossed the bored into Denmark before setting up camp, sleeping for just a few hours and moving on.

They walked through Denmark and set up camps at various scout huts and campsites as they made their way to the Jamboree to join the others.

During their expedition, the group had to complete 10 mini challenges as well as one major project. The mini challenges included comparing Denmark's public transport and medical facilities to the UK, overcoming the language barrier to get some information, looking at how well the country kept their churchyards and the best of all was trying real Danish pastries, treating themselves to a delicious delicacy in every town they visited.

When the explorers finally arrived at the Jamboree site they then started on their main challenge, comparing the scout groups in Denmark to those from Britain.

Rather than having one main scout group divided into age categories , Denmark plays host to Blue Scouts, Green Scouts, FDF Scouts, KFUM Scouts and Girl Scouts so the group wasted no time in joining with the different groups and learning how they operate.

■ **LOCAL FAME: The four Honiton explorers were interviewed on the jamboree radio station**

The quartet were also set a few challenges by their Devon leaders, otherwise known as the "Hairy Team", which included finding the youngest person on camp (a six week old baby), the hairiest person on camp and getting on the local TV or radio.

Lucky as they were, the group managed to get a slot on the Jamboree radio and had the chance to explain their journey, where they had come from and what they thought of their experiences. The Danish scouts who conducted the interview congratulated them on achieving the challenges that had been set.

Returning home from their trip, the four were presented with their Explorer Belts and were given the chance to celebrate and choose who presented them with their awards.

■ **READY FOR THE EXPEDITION: The four hard working explorer scouts get set to cover 100 miles in 10 days**

■ **SUPPORTERS of the Greyhound Rescue West of England group (GRWE) got into the festive spirit at their fundraising and awareness event at Honiton's Lace Walk. Dressed in festive attire, the group of volunteers and their loveable greyhounds braved the wet weather to promote the rehoming of greyhounds and to raise money for the GRWE, which aims to rescue and rehome greyhounds in the UK. Event co-ordinator for GRWE, Canny Hart, said: "I would like to thank the people of Honiton on behalf of all of us for their ongoing support and great support during our collections today. Especially during the festive period, money can be tight so we have been overwhelmed by the kindness shown. Greyhounds make incredible pets for all ages and there are lots of misconceptions on what greyhounds actually need which is very unfortunate. But we hope that by raising awareness and money just like the event here in Honiton, we can rehome some of the 120 greyhounds which are without an owner in the upcoming months." For more information on the work of GRWE or to find out more about greyhounds as pets, visit www.grwe.com**

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Tesco raise £832 for food banks

AXMINSTER'S Tesco store was among 800 or so branches taking part in the supermarket's two-day national foodbank collection.

The company worked with two charities – FareShare and Trussell Trust – supporting the Help Feed People in Need campaign.

Foodbanks were operated in stores on December 1st and 2nd – and the Axminster branch did very well, raising £832 and enough food for just over 1,500 meals.

Store manager Andrew Hardwick said: "People are really generous."

Grants for talented young artists

■ TALENTED: Back row (all standing, from the left): Jenny Fells of Axminster Arts, Hannah MacKensie, Jazmine Colley and Sarah Buxton.Front row: Alice Wyatt, Edward Mills and Robert MacKensie

SIX arts students received an early Christmas present when visiting Axminster Arts Café.

Each Year Axminster Arts uses profits from the arts café to give sponsor students who attended local schools before going on to higher education to study one of the arts – such as music, drama, film, dance or visual arts.

The formal name is Axminster Arts Young Persons' Sponsorship Award, and the money is used to buy materials or equipment for their chosen course.

All six have also been invited to stage a joint exhibition at the arts café in April 2014.

The 2012 winners were presented with certificates and cheques on Thursday, December 20th.

They are: Jazmine Colley (£200) from Dalwood, who studies contemporary crafts at Falmouth College; Hannah MacKensie (£150) from Lyme Regis, who studies textile design at Falmouth University; Sarah Buxton (£150) from Colyton, who studies art and design at Plymouth Univerity; Edward Mills (£200) from Marshwood, who studies film and video at University of Wales in Newport; Robert MacKensie (£150) from Lyme Regis, who studies graphic design at Plymouth College of Art; and Alice Wyatt (£150) from Axminster, who studies mixed media fine arts at Westminster University.

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News briefs

Three on bail

OFFICERS investigating the unexplained death of a woman in Axminster have arrested and bailed three people in connection with alleged drugs supply offences.

Police were called to an address in Millwey Avenue in Axminster on December 5th by the ambulance service.

A police spokesperson said: "Ambulance crews had to take a 40-year-old woman to Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, but staff were unable to resuscitate her and she died later that day.

"Police investigating are treating the death as unexplained, but will prepare a file for the coroner in due course.

"Following further enquiries, two people were arrested on December 11th and on December 19th a third person was arrested on suspicion of supplying Class A drugs."

All three are due to answer bail in the New Year.

FIREFIGHTERS rescued one person whose car was stuck in water on the A358 at Weycroft Bridge, near Axminster.

The call came in at about 11.45am on Thursday, December 20th and a spokesperson for the fire and rescue service said: "Two appliances – one from Axminster and one from Colyton – with the Specialist Rescue Team and ranger with mud mats from the Urban Search and Rescue based at the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service headquarters at Clyst St George were mobilised.

"On arrival at the scene one vehicle was located on a public highway in flood water with one person still inside.

"Crews donned two dry suits and used wading poles to remove one female from flood water onto dry land and the vehicle to higher ground."

■ AFTER A SCOOP: Axe Valley primary pupils take a break from their reporting duties

Pupils become reporters for the day

CHILDREN from five local primary schools visited Axe Valley Community College in Axminster to take part in a newsday challenge workshop

English teacher Karoline Mandy assumed the role of editor to lead the workshop, which was the last in a series of three.

The workshop was held on Wednesday, December 5th and gave the Year 5 and 6 an opportunity to look at and understand the differences between tabloid and broadsheet newspapers.

They played a fun headline game, brushed up on grammar skills and had a session on writing emotively.

They then worked in groups to produce an edition of their own newspaper.

After interviewing members of staff about college trips and events, the budding reporters wrote up their stories to produce an edition of their very own newspaper.

Mrs Mandy said: "The group did a fantastic job and produced some impressive work.

"At the end of the day it was all hands on deck. As one worked on the layout, another was cutting, another colouring, and another sticking.

"It was a hive of activity.

"The children got an insight into how frenetic a newspaper can be when deadlines are tight.

"In the end all of the newspapers came together and all of the hard work paid off."

The primary schools taking part were Axminster Community Primary School, Shute Community Primary School, Kilmington Primary School, All Saints Primary School and Musbury Primary School.

A COUNCIL and a charity joined forces to stage a Christmas party for youngsters in Millwey Rise, Axminster.

The party was organised by East Devon District Council community development worker Victoria Robinson, who drafted in Health and Local Food for Families (HALFF) volunteer Peeps Gregory to cook the meal.

Victoria said: "The children had a fabulous time, and the older group helped in the kitchen to prepare a Christmas meal, so it really was a team effort and a good start to Christmas."

HALFF'S Tiggy Parry added: "HALFF hopes to be able to support more groups in the community like this, so if you have some time to give, please come and see us at No HALFF Measures in South Street."

Missing man found

An Axminster man who went missing has been found safe and well.

Police issued an appeal for information week commencing December 10th when it was reported that the 49-year-old had been missing since December 1st

There was a happy ending, though, and PCSO Andy Trott explained on Monday December 17th that the man had been found safe and well.

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Marcus off to South America to work for Christian charity

By Anders Larsson
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A NICARAGUA-bound youngster said that he was "pleasantly surprised by the generosity of local people" after a fundraising concert in Axminster.

Axe Valley Community College student Marcus Wood organised a concert in Axminster Guildhall to raise money for his forthcoming trip to Nicaragua, where he will assist Seed International Fund Trust (SIFT).

The christian charity, which has a base in Seaton, helps the poor of Nicaragua in various ways, and Marcus will spend two weeks there in February next year.

After having been postponed because of bad weather, the concert was eventually held on Tuesday, December 4th and featured a string of talented, local youngsters.

Marcus said: "After a truly fantastic evening of music, with a big turn out of around 140 people, I was able to raise £495.70 from the night alone, with an addition of £240 from people who couldn't make it but still gave anyway."

The amount is expected to increase as there is more money to collect.

He added: "I have been pleasantly surprised by the generosity of the local people and the support they are willing to give, including the gracious managers of the Guildhall."

Guildhall management allowed the rescheduling of the event with no extra cost. Marcus said: "I'd like to say thank you to all those who came to support me, the performers, and Geoff Enticott (the caretaker) for helping us out.

"Thank you also to Tesco who donated a good few boxes of mince pies, making the evening just that little bit more Christmassy and special.

"I am now not far off my target. If you were unable to make it, but would still like to support me, Axe Valley Community College will be collecting any donations in envelopes marked with my name, as will the SIFT office in Seaton."

■ OFF TO NICARAGUA – Axe Valley Communuty Collage student Maris Wood whoorganised a frunrasiing concert at Axminster Guldhall

Seaton swimmers enjoy Boxing Day dip

AROUND a dozen brave souls from Seaton ignored the choppy seas and cloudy skies to take part in the Boxing Day swim.

The small group of swimmers embraced the annual dip, despite difficult swimming conditions, with some even arriving in colourful onesies and fancy dress to add to the fun.

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Many took the plunge on December 26th, with some enjoying a lengthy swim and others only managing to brave a quick paddle.

■ Photos by ROBERT SPILLER

Festive competition winners

STAFF at Seaton Library got into the festive spirit when they held a wreath making competition for visiting children.

After a tough job judging the many colourful and sparkly decorations, staff members chose six overall winners.

The winners were: Rebecca Evans, aged 7; Arthur Handley, aged 5; Innes Fitzgerald, aged 6; Lola Powell, aged 4; Georgia Webster, aged 2; Carlotta, aged 2.

Library Supervisor, Sarah Jones said: "Our borrowers of all ages have loved looking at the wreaths and several have asked if the wreaths were available to borrow so they could hang them on their own front doors."

Each winner was presented with a prize and the library thanked all those who entered and Tesco for donating the prizes.

Beer CLT group to meet soon

THE Beer Community Land Trust (CLT) will be holding its first meeting soon.

The Beer CLT will aim to facilitate the development of affordable housing for local people within the village.

For further information please contact Councillor Geoff Pook on 01297 24649 or email geoff.pook@btinternet.com

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Lions' Christmas events raise more than £900

THE Seaton and District Lions were given a super boost when two events raised more than £900.

The Christmas table top sale welcomed more than 20 stalls to the town hall packed full of gifts, festive treats and local produce and was well supported by the public.

The evening then played host to the annual Lions Cabaret, which welcomed a huge number of people back to the town hall for an evening of festive fun and entertainment.

The guests enjoyed a three-course meal before entertainment was provided by singer Stephanie Coombs and comedy act Spencer and Lee.

Everyone was then out of their seats as band HeeShee had everyone up singing and dancing.

A spokesperson for the Seaton and District Lions said: "It was a busy day for the Lions but a successful one and we are very grateful to everyone who came along to raise a fantastic amount of money for a charitable services to the community."

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Crowds turnout for Boxing Day hunt

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A HUGE crowd lined Seaton seafront on Boxing Day as the traditional hunt paraded through the town.

Despite the grey skies, the annual meet was well supported with hundreds lining the town's esplanade to witness the Axe Vale Hunt party parade across the seafront and up Castle Hill.

The party first met outside The Hook and Parrot on the esplanade where members gathered, surrounded by crowds and the stirrup cup was served.

Leading this year's hunt was Master of the Hunt, Ross Wilmington, who was overwhelmed by the number of supporters who turned out on Boxing Day to support the party.

He said: "We were extremely well supported this year with huge crowds, which were certainly some of the biggest I have ever seen during our meet in Seaton and far more than previous years.

"Over 50 riders joined in this year's event and all were pleased to see how much support had come from the local community.

"With the ongoing issues surrounding hunting and the ongoing debate with events such as this year's Heythrop hunt prosecution in Oxfordshire, it really shows how local people in and around Seaton are supporting us and their continuing rural tradition.

"We were made very welcome this year and as usual no local farmers or land owners objected to our arrival, so we were very pleased to have such support from the rural community."

■ Photos by ROBERT SPILLER

Christmas time at the Visually Impaired Club

MEMBERS of Seaton Visually Impaired Club enjoyed a special Christmas celebration to end their year on a high.

The group enjoyed their last meeting of the year by embracing the Christmas period with a festive tea, poetry and carol singing.

A Christmas treat came in the form of a specially created Christmas cake and Victoria sponge, made by Peter at Pebbles café, and a well supported tombola with prizes donated from local businesses meant that everyone attending took home a gift.

Over the year, the visually impaired club has been supported by local organisations such as the carnival committee, Waitrose Community Fund and Seaton Town Council who all contributed towards the costs of both the annual Christmas meal and festive meeting.

Regular members of the club were also treated to a Christmas meal at the Hare and Hounds at the beginning of December where around 40 members and their carers celebrated together.

The group thanked all who had supported them during the year at their regular meetings and special events. The dedicated volunteers who run the club were also thanked by all the members.

PRIZES FOR EVERYONE | All who attended the meeting took home a prize

FESTIVE FUN | Muriel Castledine, Bob Benfield and Rosie Wesley enjoy the Christmas meeting

Children tell story of Ralph the Reindeer

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KEY Stage One children at Honiton Primary School finished the year with a bang with their Christmas production of "Ralph the Reindeer".

Taking to a stage filled with presents, a special Santa's grotto and an exciting workshop, the youngsters told the story of a special reindeer called Ralph.

Dressed as Santa's elves, reindeers and a few other characters, the play told the story of how Ralph fights to save Christmas after Rudolph falls sick.

As Ralph can't fly, the elves must find a way for Santa to deliver all his presents, firing Ralph out of cannons, and sprinkling him with magical dust.

Packed full of colourful costumes, Christmas magic and song and dance, the children put on a great show to a packed audience full of family and friends.

Pupils enjoy Christmas panto

HONITON Primary School pupils enjoyed a Christmas treat when they where given the chance to see pantomime "Dick Whittington" at the Barnfield Theare in Exeter.

Six coaches set off early with nearly the whole school including staff and headteacher, Andrea Brown, keen to watch the Christmas show.

The trip, which was organised by Year 1 teacher Heather Hodgson, had the children joining in the panto with tradtional booing and hissing at the villans, and cheering and singing along to the light-hearted humour, song and dance.

As an extra treat, the children were each handed a goody bag of sweets and festive snacks for them to enjoy during the show.

Pictured are some of the children waiting excitedly to leave for their trip.

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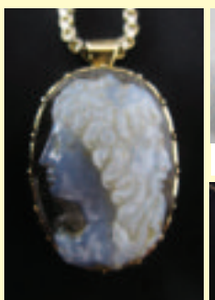
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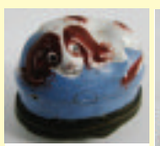
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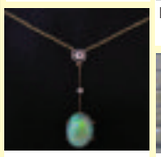
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Special guests at hospital fayre

■ CIVIC GUEST: Mayor David Foster and League of Friends chairman Heather Penwarden *All photos courtesy of Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust*

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PATIENTS of Honiton Hospital were greeted by a trio of special visitors before Christmas, including Mayor David Foster, town crier David Retter and Santa Claus.

The special guests visited the hospital for its Christmas Fayre on Saturday, December 15th. The fayre included music from Honiton Town Band plus book and craft stalls, bric-a-brac and a raffle, while a Christmas cake and other produce were auctioned off.

The fayre was organised by the hospital's League of Friends and took place in the outpatient physiotherapy department.

League of Friends chairman Heather Penwarden said: "There was plenty of festive fun throughout the afternoon, with lots of people attending to purchase Christmas gifts, drink tea and delicious cakes and sing carols to the music of the town band.

"Those patients who were able joined us from the ward and some members of the band went to play in the day room for people unable to leave their beds.

"A jolly good time was had by all and a healthy profit was made for the League of Friends – all of which will go back to providing extra comforts for the patients of our super community hospital."

In addition, Honiton 2nd Guides and 2nd Brownies visited the medical ward to sing carols to patients and staff the following Tuesday evening.

Matron Mickie Dicks said: "They sang with great spirit and were rewarded with drinks and cakes."

■ FESTIVE LINE-UP: Town crier Dave Retter, League of Friends chairman Heather Penwarden, Mayor David Foster and Father Christmas

■ YOUNG ENTERTAINERS: Members of Honiton 2nd Guides and 2nd Brownies sang carols to patients on a Tuesday evening

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Football club wins £350 grant

HONITON Youth Football has received a £350 share of a £100,000 grant through a community vote.

The club won the money as part of Kumho Tyres' "Cash for Causes" campaign.

The international company pledged to make a difference in local communities over the summer by donating money to deserving causes. The "Cash for Causes" initiative saw Kumho Tyres give away more than £100,000 to deserving local charities, groups and projects, through its network of independent tyre retail partners.

JD Tyre & Exhaust Centre, the Kumho EPC retailer in Honiton, nominated Honiton Youth Football and Honiton Cricket Club as their worthy recipients.

Honiton Youth Football intends to help cover the costs of new kits and essential training equipment with the grant.

Honiton Cricket Club also received £150 and intends to put the money towards better training equipment and improved facilities.

Community centre sets up fundraising Facebook page

HONITON'S Beehive Community Centre fundraisers have set up a buy and sell page on social networking site Facebook to boost funds between events.

The new buy and sell page will be packed full of bargain items donated to the fundraising group in between their regular tabletop sales to help Beehive supporters reach their £30,000 goal.

If you have anything to clear out simply take a photograph and post it to the Facebook page. Non-Facebook users can also email the picture to organiser Sharon Pavey at sdpavey@gmail.com or call 07447 597390, where the item can be uploaded on your behalf.

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TO help get you started on those small but meaningful changes, here are 10 fast and easy health and beauty resolutions - little things you can do to positively change the way you feel -and the way you look - in 2012! Try one - or all ten – and you'll see the difference before spring!

1. Never go to bed wearing make-up. No matter how tired you are, no matter how late it is, take just two minutes to slather on and tissue off a facial cleanser and your skin will thank you. Not only will it help remove surface bacteria that could encourage breakouts, most make up is drying to the skin so removing it will help reduce wrinkling while you sleep. If you can squeeze in 30 more seconds for a quick application of moisturiser, you'll see a definite difference in your face in 7 days or less!

2. Never leave the house without sunscreen on your face. I know...you've heard it all before. But I promise you that taking this two minute step will not only yield enormous health benefits (like reducing your risk of skin cancer) it's also the single most important anti aging skin care step you can take. It's true - the sun IS the number one cause of wrinkles and aging skin. And sunscreen - well it's the biggest gun in your wrinkle defense arsenal! To make using it easy and automatic, look for either a moisturiser or a foundation with an SPF 15.

3. Protect your lips – and look younger! Protect your pucker with a lip gloss or balm containing sunscreen. When lips are hydrated and protected they will automatically look fuller - and you'll look younger! You can capitalise on the protection if you swap out a matte lipstick for a high wattage gloss in a medium warm pink tone.

4. Whiten your teeth. If you haven't done it yet, this is the one resolution you MUST try! Not only is it the quickest, most inexpensive way to take years off your appearance, it can boost your confidence and give you that polished, well groomed look.

5. Clean out your make-up bag/ bathroom drawer/ vanity – and throw away any products you've had more than a year. Not only can this help prevent potentially serious eye or skin infections, it will force you to re-evaluate your make up needs - and every woman needs to do that at least once a year! When you head out to the stores to buy items, step out of the box to try a new colour or a new make up product

6. Keep up with your hair colouring. If you're wearing a shade you just can't bear to change, make sure you touch up those roots every 4 weeks. If the time - or the expense - doesn't permit that kind of attention, then think about having your hair professionally highlighted and low lighted - a mixture of many shades and tones of basic colors like honey blonde, or chestnut brown. The look lasts for up to six months without a touch up.

7. Trade in your shower gel for a moisturising bar of soap. Did you ever wonder why the ingredients label on your shower gel is two inches long and filled with chemical terms you can't pronounce - while the ingredients on an average bar of beauty soap is just one sentence? Most gels contain chemicals, dyes, foaming agents, and lots of drying alcohol - all things your skin doesn't need. Try a daily shower with a moisturising soap instead - and see your entire body complexion come alive in just 14 days or less. And - you'll save money too!

8. Wear a bronzer all year long. Most women think of a powder bronzer as a summertime treat. Just a quick pouf of powder on the bridge of your nose, the tops of your cheeks, and round the outer rim of your forehead will give you a glow.

9. Take a calcium/vitamin D supplement every day. While many women believe calcium is only important if you're pregnant - or post menopausal - the truth is women of all ages need this vital mineral to maintain a strong and healthy skeleton - and protect against broken bones. What you may not realise: Studies show women in their 20's need this protection as much as women in their 50's! But that's not all! The latest research shows getting adequate calcium may also help keep skin looking younger longer! And since we're all staying out the sun, the vitamin D is essential to make sure the calcium you take is absorbed. Try it for a month - you'll see a difference!

10. Wear fragrance every day! Even if you're just spending the day doing laundry or cleaning the bathroom, studies show that wearing your favourite fragrance is a great way to lift your mood and keep energy levels high. Starting your day with a dousing of fragrance will also make you feel special - and that can affect how you act and react during the entire day. If you can't afford to use your favourite pricey designer fragrance every day, look for scented body lotions or anoint your pulse points with a fragrant bath oil.

Healing hands from Head to Feet

I FIRST started caring for peoples health in the sixties when l did my S.E.N nursing training in Sheffield.

The real introduction to Complementary Medicine was when my second child become ill, and it was only osteopathy that helped her. About the same time a friend of mine was having trouble with her back, she asked me if I could massage it for her, as I seemed to have healing hands, I was able to give her a lot of relief, being in a lot of pain at the time. I become more and more interested in Complementary Medicine and was able to help my friends and family even more.

It wasn't until we came down to live in Axminster, I was working as a Care Assistant in a Dementia Care Home, that Idecided to take a course or 3 with the" School of Natural Health Sciences" in Reflexology, Advanced Reflexology", and "Indian Head Massage". I was an A student. I became a member of the "International College of Holistic Medicine". As Indian Head Massage consists also of back and shoulder massage [as well as neck head and face] with or without out oils I am able to continue with Back and Shoulder massage as a separate therapy if required. I am able to work from home including home visits, and care homes. Treatments usually last about 1hr. and includes perfumed candles and soft relaxing music.

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FOR years Christine Richards has battled with her weight, and about 10 years ago developed back problems that were life changing and left her battling pain ever since. Despite being advised by her Dr to lose weight Christine could not find the "diet" for her. She became more and more solitary with no confidence and got caught in a vicious spiral of ill health and comfort eating. It was a shock being told she had a cholesterol level of 10.6, double the acceptable level, and being told she was grossly obese.

Said Christine "I cried myself all the way home and continued to comfort eat and hate myself for letting this happen. I wasn't blaming anyone else, it was me who had allowed it to get this far, and it was only me who could change it".

The turning point came on a shopping trip when I picked up the local paper and was drawn to a story of one person's battle with weight and their journey to success. "I was consumed by a realisation that this could be about me!!!! It was the wake up call I needed as this seemed more real than a warning from my Dr!"

With the support of her husband, Christine decided it was time to join a Slimming Group in Honiton. "Tuesday came and the day seemed so long, my nerves were in tatters, but I knew I had to go to Slimming World that evening. I actually walked to the meeting and it was the hardest walk I had ever made. I stood outside the door my heart pounding and my legs like jelly, and on stepping in realised there were some familiar faces and people were smiling at me which is not what I expected. The moment Sharon, the Consultant, introduced herself to me I felt some sort of inner peace as it felt right to be there. I was totally reassured that I would get the support I needed throughout, and I knew I had done the right thing by going"

"Although I was scared when I first weighed, the weight started to drop off and all by enjoying food I loved. I still have the card I received for receiving my first ½ stone, and one year on I have now achieved my own Personal Target Weight and couldn't be happier. I walk everywhere now, I have my confidence back and even help Sharon in group now. I even go out socially which was a no-no before .....I have my life back"

Christine attends Slimming World at the Honiton Baptist Church which is held on Tuesdays @ 5.30pm & 7.30pm and also on Wednesdays @ 9.30am & 11.30am. For more information please call Sharon on 01404 41513.

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Christmas time on the Axe Estuary Wetlands

by Laura Goldsbury Noy
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WHEN it comes to Christmas decorations – natural is best!

That was the view of more than 60 visitors who dropped in to the Field Studies Base on the Axe Estuary Wetlands to learn to hand craft a Christmas wreath from natural materials on a woven willow base.

Countryside Education Ranger Meg Knowles and volunteer Liz Chilcott supported people by demonstrating wreath-making techniques.

Creativity knew no bounds, as everyone was soon excitedly absorbed in fashioning their own individual natural work of art.

The session provided the perfect antidote to the heady commercialism of the modern Christmas, and there was a real sense of old-fashioned festive spirit in the air as people of all ages joined together using a variety of natural materials gathered from the nature reserve to make their wreaths.

Festive visitors to the Wetlands were warmed by mulled wine and mince pies, served by volunteer wardens manning the information centre, which was open during the wreath-making event.

East Devon District Council Countryside team are very grateful to the team of volunteers.

Visitors can drop into the information centre every Saturday during the winter months between 10 am and 4 pm for a friendly chat with wardens about recent wildlife sightings on the Wetlands.

There are also several miles of footpaths, many of which are wheelchair accessible, and now is a great time of year to spot wildlife.

A few visitors were lucky enough to catch a glimpse of one of the many young kingfishers presently wintering there during the festive event.

For more information on the Axe Estuary Wetlands and other local nature reserves visit, www.eastdevon.gov.uk/countryside or call the Countryside team on 01395 517557 for more details.

■ A real sense of festive spirit in the air

■ People of all ages were absorbed in making their wreaths

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School Nativity's Wild West theme

KEY Stage One pupils took to the stage for Seaton Primary School's annual Nativity play.

This year's production had a modern twist with a Wild West theme and a focus on the stable animals as the children took to the stage with song and dance.

'Prickly Hay' featured a cowboy and a mouse arriving at the stable to find the hay was just not comfortable for Baby Jesus.

Replacing the hay with a softer variety, the pair told the story of the Nativity alongside two young narrators in sparkly dresses.

From a huge group of cowboys and girls dancing around the stage in true western fashion, featuring cowboy hats and checkered shirts, to a more traditional sight of sparkling angels twirling and animal costumes - the play was fun and entertaining for all.

The true Nativity story didn't lose its meaning with a heart warming performance from Mary, played by Florence Winter.

The kings, shepherds and angels also pulled together the foundations of the traditional Christmas tale.

A spokesperson for the school said: "The children have done a wonderful job, embracing the stage, learning their lines and all the songs and putting on a fantastic production.

"Thanks to all the children and staff involved, as well as to the families that have contributed or supported the performances."

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Council goes gold

■ STAFF and managers at East Devon District Council join with leader Paul Diviani to celebrate achieving Investors in People gold

EDDC has won a top Investors in People award following a recent review - one of only two district councils in the South West to achieve the gold standard.

The accolade is official recognition that EDDC is among the best employers in the region.

Assessor Julie Luscombe summed up her report saying: "Having carried out the review process in accordance with the guidelines provided by Investors in People – UK Commission for Employment and Skills, I am totally satisfied that East Devon District Council meets the requirements of the Investors in People National Standard.

"I am pleased also to state that you meet a total of 165 evidence requirements and that you have achieved gold level".

Investors in People Gold is awarded to just 3.2 per cent of organisations in the UK and is held by just one other council in the South West.

Commenting on the award, EDDC leader Paul Diviani said: "My warmest congratulations go to the HR team for their hard work in setting out the framework for compliance with this exacting assessment and to all the unsung heroes among our employees who play a part in helping us to run the council efficiently and to face the many challenges we meet".

■ HIGHLY STUNG: Emma Norris and Trudi Brown get to grips with the roof of a beehive

Thinking of keeping bees in the new year?

By Anders Larsson
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BEEKEEPING could earn you lots of "kudos from neighbours".

That is the incentive used by members of East Devon Beekeepers (EDB) in their recruiting campaign for a beginners' course soon to start on January 28th.

In promotional material - headlined 'pleasures of beekeeping' - prospective beekeepers are told: "Contrary to popular opinion, collecting a swarm from someone's garden is sheer fun, and gets you lots of kudos from neighbours."

East Devon Beekeepers is a branch of Devon Beekeepers' Association and has an apiary on a farm between Axminster and Kilmington.

Apart from East Devon, the branch also draws members from neighbouring parts of Somerset and Dorset. The current membership stands at about 150, but it is hoped this will swell after the course for beginners.

The initial part of the 2013 beginners' course will be held in the cricket pavilion in Kilmington, to be followed by summer sessions at the branch apiary.

EDB member Rowland Molony outlined the curriculum by saying: "The beginners' course starts in January and meets regularly through to April, when meetings move across to the branch apiary where participants get to handle bees, identify the internal working parts of a hive, and undestand the natural organisation of a colony.

"This means identifying queen, workers, drones, learning about their individual life-cycles, and the division of labour between the bees.

"The hive is composed of many components, so students become familiar with this type of hardware.

"They also see the value of suitable clothing, and necessary personal equipment.

"Managing bees throughout the year is a vital part of the course: that is through spring expansion, dealing with swarms, harvesting honey and preparing bees for winter.

"Students also learn about stings, using smoke, keeping records, liaising with the public, selling honey, and many many more areas that get opened up by studying flowers, pollen, nectar, and the biology of the bee."

Trudi Morgan is one of those who took up beekeeping after attending the annual course. She said: "It is the third summer coming up, so I'm a novice.

"I always wanted to keep bees and a friend told me there was one place left on the course."

Her fellow beekeeper Emma Norris has been involved a little longer. She took up the hobby eight years ago and told *Pulman's View*: "I inherited my grandfather's old beehives.

"He kept bees in the 1930s and during the war.

"I hadn't known him as a beekeeper but I had heard the stories.

"Another beekeeper persuaded me to have a go, and it was infectious."

For further information about EDP and the course, contact Richard Simpson on 01297 551070. Information is also available online at www.eastdevonbees.org.uk

PUPILS at primary schools in Colyton, Kilmington, Shute and Seaton collected food and presents for those less fortunate in the run-up to Christmas.

The four primary schools make up Axe Valley Beacon Federation and supported the food banks in Seaton and Axminster.

The governing body of the federation voted to support a cause on their doorstep, one which could make all the difference at Christmas.

Children from the four schools collected food, luxury goods, books and toys in good condition.

Alan Simpson, who is the executive head of the federation, said: "Our four schools are at the heart of the Axe Valley so it seemed right, in a time of continued economic hardship, to look after those in our community who find themselves in difficulty at Christmas."

■ HELPERS: (l-r) Tara Magrane and Isabelle Coman (both Shute Primary School) with Jesse and Frank Adlam (both Kilmington Primary School) preparing a delivery.

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It's no longer local opinion that counts

■ 'BETWEEN a rock and a hard place' best describes the status of local opinion in the planning process.

Yet another appeal decision - this time that of Redrow Homes, who propose to develop a greenfield site east of Butts Road, Ottery St Mary - has run counter to local pubic opinion and that of the OSM Town Council and East Devon District Council.

All parties were unified in favouring the development of the Switchgear Factory (brownfield) site and the Island Farm site, both located to the west of the town.

In his report published on December 14th, Neil Pope, the planning inspector, summed up the current status of public local opinion and the democratic process by confirming that: "There is much local opposition to the appeal scheme and I have noted … a Government objective of empowering local people to shape their surroundings.

"Whilst I do not set these concerns aside lightly, local opposition is not in itself sufficient to withhold permission.

"Moreover, the Government has also made it clear that housing market requirements are important, as well as the need to facilitate housing and respond positively to wider opportunities for growth."

Forget Structure Plans, forget Local Plans, a new reality has come into existence triggered by the Localisation Act 2011 and the emergence of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

It is no longer local opinion that counts. It is the political whim of centralised government that matters more.

There is a deluded belief that our current economic ills will be ended, by allowing unfettered development of the countryside.

The crucial matter that tipped the scales in favour of the developer was that, once again, as in the recent case at Feniton, EDDC "have failed to convincingly confirm, on a district-wide basis, a five year supply of deliverable sites for housing".

At the inquiry's previous plans were declared as time-expired and in the void that has been created between these earlier plans and the emerging East Devon Local Plan (2006-2026) developers now have the upper hand and will exploit every opportunity to develop sites whether they are in Ottery, Feniton, Seaton, Axminster, West Hill, Exmouth or Sidmouth. Development is inevitable.

We need more affordable homes, more employment opportunities, improved social provision and sites for school expansion.

What is at issue is the scale of the developments and their location. This is where public opinion is essential.

The current free-for-all will inevitably lead to poor planning decisions. EDDC planners must shoulder some blame for allowing this void to emerge. There is an opportunity to close the void.

Rather than give in to unfettered development pressures it is vital that in East Devon we respond by making our representations clear on the emerging Local Plan.

The deadline for comments is the January 14th. We also need to make it clear to our elected MPs that the new planning framework does threaten the countryside and has weakened the democratic process.

Butts Hill, Ottery is proof, if proof were needed. How can the opinion of so many count for so little?

MICK KOCH,
Ottery St Mary

Beach rules on dogs should be the same all year round

■ WHY is it that as soon as the ban on dogs on Seaton seafront is lifted, people seem to think that it is okay to let there dogs do a massive dropping and then feel that it's not there responsibility to pick it up?

Seaton seafront is covered in dog mess. It's totally disgusting.

As a parent of a young child I enjoy going to the seaside for a nice walk and play on the beach but now feel that we are unable to do this for hygiene reasons.

My son is two-and-a-half and loves picking the pebbles from the beach. This is no longer possible as he may pick up some dog's mess one day.

I work in Somerset and people at my work have also commented that they rarely go to Seaton as its filthy on the seafront. I don't see why we cannot just keep the beach the same as it is in the summer period. Dogs are still allowed but in designated areas.

Maybe if there was somebody patrolling the beach and fining the people responsible this would be a deterrent.

MR N GRINDROD,
via email

■ AN APPRECIATIVE tribute to the former Seaton volunteer members of the Royal Observer Corps during World War II and the Cold War has been made by Seaton Town Council on their new notice board erected at the top of Seaton Down Hill.

As a former member of the ROC myself (but not having served on this Seaton post) I fully appreciate this very welcomed tribute.

MR IRVING ROBERTS

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Jackie goes Jurassic

Jackie Oates to play at next Jurassic Folk Guest Night

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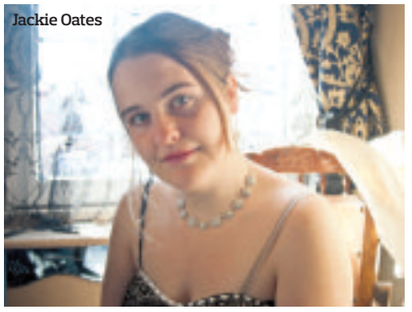
Jackie goes Jurassic for Folk Guest Night

JACKIE Oates is well known as a star in folk circles, but for those who haven't heard her, pin back your ears: Jackie Oates is winner of two BBC Folk Awards 2009, was shortlisted for the fRoots Critics Poll Album 2009 with her album 'Hyperboreans', reached No. 5 - Mojo Folk Album of the Year Chart 2009 for the same album, was nominated for three BBC Folk Awards 2010 and is an Associate Artist of EFDSS. Formerly a member of the Mercury-nominated Rachel Unthank and The Winterset, she left the band in 2007 to pursue a solo career. A swathe of glowing national reviews came with the 2008 release of her album 'The Violet Hour' soon after, with the album going on to be one of Mojo's top ten folk albums of the year in 2008. The new year saw Jackie walking away with a remarkable two 2009 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards including the Horizon Award for best newcomer, the award which had alluded her the year before. Jackie Oates, solo artist, had arrived. Newly signed to One Little Indian Records, in September 2009 Jackie released 'Hyperboreans' the highly anticipated follow-up to 'The Violet Hour' in the UK. Produced by her brother Jim Moray and featuring a title track written for her by Alasdair Roberts, it sizzled with a new confidence and maturity. She has gone on to do a main stage performance at Cambridge Folk Festival as well as performing a many other UK festivals including regular performances at Sidmouth. Jackie is also a permanent part of the Imagined Village line up and took part in the 2011/2012 Cecil Sharp Project. Her latest album 'Saturnine' was released in September 2011 and resulted in two nominations in the 2012 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards for best album and folk singer of the year. And if that doesn't convince you, listen to some of the press.

Jackie is accompanied by Tristan Seume, who is one of the UK's leading acoustic guitarists as a soloist, accompanist and session musician, and is a regular member of Jackie's band. And support on this fabulous night will be provided by Mark Waistell, a superb singer/songwriter, who would warrant a complete page to tell you of his fascinating story, but we haven't space for that so best just come along on the night. It all happens at Jurassic Folk at the Grove Nite Club, Seaton, on Wednesday, January 9th, doors open 7.45pm. Advance tickets are £8, (£10 on the door if any left), and are available from the website www.eastdevonfolk.org or by phoning 01297 20064.


Jackie Oates

Diary Dates

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 9TH

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SEATON: Jurassic Folk Guest Night – Jackie Oates, Award Winning singer and fiddle player. At The Grove. More info 01297 20064 or www.eastdevonfolk.org

FRIDAY JANUARY 11TH & SATURDAY 12TH

WEST HILL: Pantomime: Dick Whittington, held at West Hill Village Hall. Friday at 7pm, and Saturday at 1pm. Staged by professional company Wonder productions. Ticket cost £9 adults and £7 children. Plenty of parking. All proceeds to West Hill Village Hall funds. Tickets sold in advance and no reserved seats, available from West Hill Post Office, or by calling 01404 812593.

MONDAY JANUARY 14TH

AWLISCOMBE: Honiton Art Society demonstration by local artist Mike Hughes 'Wild Life in Acrylics'. Visitors and new member very welcome. Visitors £2

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 16TH

SEATON: Jurassic Folk Singers Night – All welcome, Free Admission. At The Grove More info 01297 20064 or www.eastdevonfolk.org

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Cryptic Clues:

Across

4. Direct mail (7)
8. A group of directors on the ship (6)
9. Consider as belonging to a biblical writer (7)
10. A torrent of words from one in the commercial world (6)
11. Tell in detail about what comes at the end (6)
12. Already engaged but not forthcoming (8)
18. Points and numbers of fundamental importance (8)
20. See 19 Down
21. Small coves are strangely silent (6)
22. Unusually astute about right kind of bearing (7)
23. Wearing fewer clothes - let that be a warning (6)
24. Cunning method for making a vaulted feature (7)

Down

1. Actress upset by those who assign the parts? (7)
2. Raw materials in cauldron of lowest value (7)
3. He does a deal when revolutionary painting is put up (8)
5. Diana's requisition causes confusion (8)
6. This answer won't be often found (6)
7. Surrender and refer to arbitration (8)
13. He wins one with a queen! (8)
14. To arouse passion in shocking scene (7)
15. A hundred going bankrupt and ceasing to do business (7)
16. Make a savage attack on games player (6)
17. Make a rough plan of southern vessel (6)
19 and 20 Ac. It may be formally assumed by the consumer (6-6)

Quick Clues:

Across

4. Lassitude (7)
8. Scanty (6)
9. Modify (7)
10. Small (6)
11. Concur (6)
12. Renegade (8)
18. Vex (8)
20. Renowned (6)
21. Frightened (6)
22. Scorn (7)
23. Jail (6)
24. Deportment (7)

Down

1. Rival (7)
2. Control (7)
3. Gambol (6)
5. Flatterer (8)
6. Overshoe (6)
7. Insult (6)
13. Neglect (8)
14. Feeling of sickness (7)
15. Principal (7)
16. Ill-will (6)
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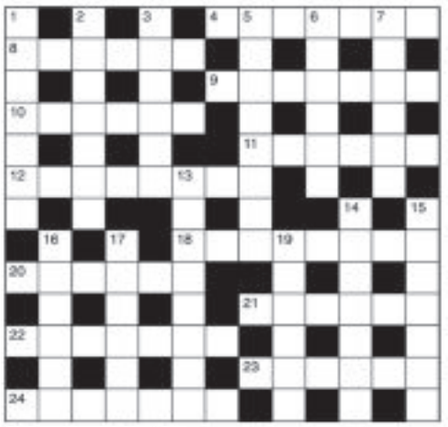

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CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Orbs; 3 Smuggler; 9 Eagerly; 10 Forge; 11 Compare notes; 13 Slight; 15 Stay up; 17 Pull together; 20 Hails; 21 Clapper; 22 Cheering; 23 Tomb. Down: 1 Overcast; 2 Begum; 4 Mayhem; 5 Gift of the gab; 6 Larceny; 7 Roes; 8 Breathalyser; 12 Spare rib; 14 Inutile; 16 Toucan; 18 Hippo; 19 Chic. QUICK - Across: 1 Sell; 3 Maturity; 9 Affront; 10 Fatal; 11 Disapproving; 13 Recent; 15 Sudden; 17 Cream-cracker; 20 Ennui; 21 Aileron; 22 Intended; 23 Once. Down: 1 Slanders; 2 Lifts; 4 Attire; 5 Unfavourable; 6 Intoned; 7 Yell; 8 Compensation; 12 Entrance; 14 Coronet; 16 Scrape; 18 Koran; 19 Yeti.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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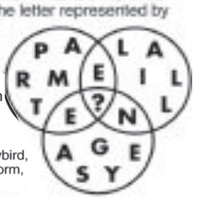
Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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The letter represented by the question mark is L. Ladybird, Greenfly, Silkworm, all insects.

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Axminster Drama Club *Pied Piper* rehearsals under way

REHEARSALS are well under way for Axminster Drama Club's panto *The Pied Piper of Hamelin* which takes place at the Guildhall Axminster from 17th to 19th January. The show features many new faces as well as a number of familiar ones and a large troupe of children, 31 in total playing the parts of rats and village children.

Tickets are now on sale at Archway Bookshop in Church Street Axminster (telephone 01297 33595) priced at only £8 (£6.50 for under 16's and over 65's) or can be purchased by calling 01404 831089 after hours.

Caroline Markham as Simple Simon and Leigh Conley as Mother Hubbard during rehearsals

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Launched in the UK and Europe in September, the Sorento has a long list of improvements including a new platform, revised engines, enhanced interior quality and a smarter, more modern look.

Total 4x4 have twice previously given the Sorento top honours in the "Full-Size" category, but this year it just lost out to the all-new Range Rover.

Editor Alan Kidd said: "The Sorento has won its class in each of the last two years, beating a whole range of premium opposition in the process. This year's upgrades move it closer than ever to becoming a premium SUV itself; we didn't have many criticisms of the old model, but Kia has addressed every single one of them.

"The Sorento was already one of the best 4x4s on the market; now it's better than ever, and by a long way. Nothing less than an all-new Range Rover could stop it from completing a hat-trick of class wins, and that says a lot about just how good Kia has become at making world-class 4x4s," he added.

Kia Motors (UK) Limited President and CEO Paul Philpott responded: "Sorento has won friends and plaudits throughout its history and we knew just how improved the all-new version is. I am delighted that Total 4x4 continue to agree with us and I don't even mind the fact that it takes something as remarkable as the highly-praised new Range Rover to see us unseated from that top spot.

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East Devon football round-up

As they stand

Premier	Pld	Pts
Hatherleigh Town	13	32
Feniton	10	26
Newtown	13	25
Heavitree SU	13	24
St Martins	10	21
Morchard Bishop	10	20
Seaton Town	12	20
University	12	16
Topsham Town	12	15
Willand Rovers	16	13
Beer Albion	13	12
Budleigh Salterton	14	10
Clyst Valley	13	9
Thorverton	13	8
Exmouth Amateurs	12	6

Division One	Pld	Pts
Chard Town	12	31
Sidbury United	11	27
Witheridge	9	21
Bow AAC	8	19
University	10	18
Tiverton Town	7	17
Wellington Town	11	16
Heavitree SC	10	16
Alphington	13	11
East Budleigh	10	7
Cullompton Rangers	6	3
Tipton St John	10	3
Culm United	9	3
Colyton	8	1

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Elmore	9	24
Bickleigh	11	23
Beacon Knights	10	21
Dawlish United	12	20
Halwill	9	14
Colaton Raleigh	8	12
Westexe Rovers	11	11
Topsham Town	8	10
Pinhoe	7	10
Exeter Civil Service	9	10
Sidmouth Town Res	9	9
Honiton Town	8	9
Clyst Valley	9	3
Chagford	6	0

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Newton St Cyres	12	27
Crediton United	10	26
South Zeal United	11	23
Dolphin	8	22
University	12	20
Upottery	12	16
Newtown	10	16
Tedburn St Mary	10	16
Lympstone	11	16
Hemyock	8	15
Thorverton	11	14
Ottery St Mary	12	12
Offwell Rangers	12	11
Winkleigh	10	7
North Tawton	13	4
Sandford	10	3

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Heavitree SC	12	30
Axminster Town	15	27
University	12	23
Chumleigh	10	20
Axmouth United	8	16
Exmouth Amateurs	9	16
Newtown	14	14
Bampton	9	13
Woodbury	9	13
Exmouth Town	11	9
Lords XI	8	6
Seaton Town Res *	12	6
Okehampton Argyle	9	4

Division Five	Pld	Pts
Cheriton Fitzpaine	10	27
Hatherleigh Town	11	23
Countess Wear	10	22
Awliscombe United	10	22
Culm United	10	17
Sampford Peverell	12	17
Topsham Town	9	14
Bow AAC	11	14
Clyst Valley	10	12
Westexe Rovers	9	11
Lapford	10	8
Beer Albion	12	7
St Martins	8	6
Uplowman Athletic	10	4

Division Six	Pld	Pts
Amory Park Rangers	11	25
Dawlish United	9	24
Feniton Res	10	23
Silverton	11	22
Dunkeswell	11	21
Topsham Town	14	16
Exwick Village	7	15
Langdon	8	13
East Budleigh	11	13
Amory Argyle	8	10
Morchard Bishop	9	9
Stoke Hill	11	9
Chagford	10	6
Priory	8	5
North Tawton*	10	-1

Division Seven	Pld	Pts
Tipton St John	11	22
Fluxton	9	19
Starcross Generals	12	19
Met Office	9	19
Halwill	6	18
Ottery St Mary Res	14	18
Otterton	11	17
Honiton Town Res	9	16
Newton St Cyres	8	11
Lympstone	13	11
Colaton Raleigh Res	10	11
Open Space Int.	10	10
Tedburn St Mary	11	9
Cheriton Fitzpaine	13	8

Division Eight	Pld	Pts
Sidbury United	11	22
Alphington	10	20
Pinhoe	9	19
Newtown	11	19
Hemyock	10	17
Woodbury	8	17
Langdon	10	17
Bickleigh	9	16
Offwell Rangers Res	11	15
Bampton	10	14
Colyton Res	12	13
Lapford	11	13
Sandford	11	7
Winkleigh	9	5
Follygate	10	3

** Pts deducted*

Memorable season for the wrong reason!

FOR the second time this season the entire Fresha Devon & Exeter fixture programme, 55 League games and two cup ties, was washed away by the weather on Saturday, December 22nd - exactly one month after the first wipeout.

D&E League doyen Colin Goodwin commented: "In my 40 years as press reporter for the League I cannot recall any season when two Saturdays have been totally redundant.

"It is going to mean a lot of work for Chris Cole in his first year as fixtures secretary.

"But most divisions are currently well under way, and unless the weather remains inclement over the next few months it should not mean a great strain on the annual rush to get the season finished.

"My mention earlier of 40 years reporting on the League set me to look up the record of Devon & Exeter League Secretaries since the second world war.

"Remarkably since that time there have only been FOUR yes just FOUR over the 66 year period to date.

"Our current man in charge Mr Chris Davey took over the reins in 2005, following the longest serving secretary Mr Eric Manning who served the League for 37 years since 1968.

"I do not know whether any other local or national leagues can match that record, but it was a massive commitment for Eric who played the game well into his 60s.

Before Eric took on the task Mr Walt Sanders was secretary of the Exeter & District League, as it was know then, for ten years and he was handed the job by Mr R Husson who was the League's first secretary after the 1939-45 War years ended.

"Mr Husson had the office for 12 years until Mr Sanders took on in 1958. Records indicate that pre the 1939-45 War Mr R T A Couch was the League's secretary."

RESULTS

December 22nd

ALL MATCHES CALLED OFF

FIXTURES

Saturday, December 29th

SOUTH WEST-PENINSULA DIVISION ONE (EAST)

Okehampton v Totnes & Dart
Sidmouth v Exeter Civil Service
Plymstock Utd v Teignmouth
Galmpton v Axminster Town
Crediton Utd v Stoke Gabriel
Appledore v Exmouth Town
Alphington v Newton Abbot Spurs

FRESHA DEVON & EXETER PREMIER

Beer Albion v Exmouth Amateurs
Budleigh Salt v St Martins (3pm)
Feniton v Hatherleigh Town
Heavitree SU v Thorverton
Morchard Bishop v Clyst Valley
Newtown v Willand Rovers
Topsham Town v Seaton Town

DIVISION 1

Bow AAC v Colyton
Cullompton v Tipton St J (3pm)
East Budleigh v Heavitree SU
Sidbury United v Chard Town
Witheridge v Tiverton Town

DIVISION 2

Beacon Knights v Honiton Town
Bickleigh v Pinhoe
Clyst Valley v Westexe Rovers
Colaton Raleigh v Elmore
Exeter Civil Service v Chagford
Halwill v Sidmouth Town

DIVISION 3

Dolphin v Newtown
Lympstone v North Tawton
Ottery St Mary v Tedburn St Mary
Sandford v Offwell Rangers
South Zeal United v Hemyock
Thorverton v Upottery
Winkleigh v Newton St Cyres

DIVISION 4

Axmouth United v Chulmleigh
Exmouth AmaT v Axminster Town
Heavitree Social United v Lords XI
Newtown v Okehampton Argyle
Seaton Town v Exmouth Town

DIVISION 5

Cheriton Fitzpaine v Bow AAC
Clyst Valley v Topsham Town
Culm United v Countess WD
Hatherleigh v Sampford Peverell
Lapford v Beer Albion
Uplowman Ath v Awliscombe Utd
Westexe Rovers v St Martins

DIVISION 6

Amory Argyle v Exwick Village
Dawlish United v Langdon
North Tawton v DunkeswellRovers
Priory v East Budleigh
Silverton v Amory Park Rangers
Stoke Hill v Chagford
Topsham Town v Feniton

DIVISION 7

Fluxton v Otterton
Honiton Town v Newton St Cyres
Met Office v Halwill
Ottery St Mary v Starcross Gen
Tedburn St Mary v Colaton Raleigh
Tipton St John v Lympstone

DIVISION 8

Alphington v Woodbury
Bampton v Folly Gate
Colyton v Lapford
Hemyock v Newtown
Langdon v Winkleigh
Offwell Rangers v Sandford
Pinhoe v Bickleigh

FIXTURES

Saturday, January 5th

SOUTH WEST-PENINSULA DIVISION ONE (EAST)

Totnes & Dart v Exmouth Town
Teignmouth v Axminster Town
Galmpton Utd v Exeter University
Exeter CS v Newton Abbot Spurs
Budleigh Salterton v Crediton Utd
Appledore v Plymstock Utd

PERRY STREET LEAGUE

(all 2pm)

Challenge Cup R1

Millwey Rise v South Petherton

Daisy Hutchings cup R1

Barrington Res v Drimpton

Tommy Tabberer Cup R1

Crewkerne Rangers v Waytown Hs

Kenny Hodges Cup R1

Uplyme Res v Forton Res

Premier

Beaminster v Perry Street
Farway Utd v Ilminster Res
Shepton Beau v Lyme Regis
Winsham Utd v Combe Res

Division One

Forton Rangers v Beaminster Res
Lyme Res v W & M Chinnock
Netherbury v Crewkerne Res
Perry Street Res v Barrington

Division Two

Chard United v Ilminster Colts
Charmouth v Dowlish & Donyatt
Pymore v Thorncombe

Division Three

Combe A v Chard Utd Res
Hawkchurch v Millwey Rise Res
Ilminster A v Hinton
Lyme Bantams v Winsham Utd Res

Division Four

Chard Rang Res v Crewk Rang Res
Kingsbury v Farway Res
Thorncombe Res v Shepton Res

SW PENINSULA DIV 1 (E)

DIVISION ONE (EAST)	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Newton Abbot Spurs	14	9	1	4	12	28
Axminster Town	**14**	**8**	**3**	**3**	**11**	**27**
Budleigh Salterton	16	8	3	5	1	27
Exmouth Town	10	8	2	0	15	26
Stoke Gabriel	12	8	1	3	20	25
Exeter Civil Service	15	7	3	5	-1	24
Galmpton United	13	7	0	6	-2	21
Exeter University	13	5	5	3	-3	20
Teignmouth	15	6	1	8	-2	19
Okehampton Argyle	11	5	2	4	2	17
Totnes & Dartington	11	4	1	6	3	13
Appledore	11	4	1	6	1	13
Alphington	12	4	1	7	-8	13
Plymstock United	14	3	2	9	-8	11
Crediton United	12	3	1	8	-19	10
Sidmouth Town	**15**	**0**	**3**	**12**	**-22**	**2**

Perry Street League

PREMIER	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Beaminster	9	5	3	1	5	18
Lyme Regis	8	5	2	1	13	17
Winsham United	7	5	2	0	10	17
Crewkerne Town	7	4	0	3	4	12
Combe Reserves	9	3	2	4	1	11
Perry Street	8	3	2	3	-2	11
Millwey Rise	**5**	**3**	**1**	**1**	**9**	**10**
South Petherton	10	3	0	7	-9	9
Shepton Beau	9	2	3	4	-9	9
Ilminster Town Res	6	0	2	4	-10	2
Farway United	**6**	**0**	**1**	**5**	**-12**	**1**

DIV 3	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Luso-Chard	11	10	1	0	30	28*
Combe A	10	7	1	2	20	22
Winsham Utd Res	10	7	0	3	21	21
Drimpton	8	5	2	1	16	17
Millwey Rise Res	**10**	**4**	**2**	**4**	**17**	**14**
Ilminster Town A	10	4	2	4	4	14
Lyme Bantams	9	3	2	4	1	11
Hawkchurch United	8	3	1	4	-5	10
Hinton St George	12	2	2	8	-37	8
Chard Utd Res	11	1	2	8	-24	6*
Misterton Res	11	1	1	9	-43	4

DIV 4	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Thorncombe Res	10	7	3	0	29	21*
Barrington Res	12	6	3	3	10	21
Combe B	11	6	2	3	4	20
Shepton Reserves	8	7	1	0	22	19*
Forton Reserves	11	4	1	6	-6	13
Kingsbury Episcopi	10	3	1	6	0	10
Crewkerne Reserves	9	3	1	5	-1	10
Farway Utd Res	**9**	**3**	**1**	**5**	**-10**	**10**
Uplyme Res	11	2	1	8	-28	7
Chard Rangers Res	9	1	2	6	-20	5

**** = points adjusted***

Buttler hits the heights as Nosworthy is appointed

SOMERSET county cricket club is making the headlines as 2012 draws to a close and 2013 is looming large on the horizon.

Reigning PCA Player-of-the year Nick Compton was a vital part of England's successful tour of India. The 29-year-old batsman compiled four successive vital opening wicket stands of 50+ with his skipper Alastair Cook as England battled back from 1-0 down to take the four-test series 2-1.

Compton's performances were generally solid if unspectacular. A series average of 34.66 (top score 57, 3rd test, Kolkata) is a good start to his fledgling career wearing the three lions.

Admittedly pitches in India were low and slow and a four or even five pronged spin attack didn't make for fluent stroke-play, but a strike rate of 33.93 (against a career figure of 47.63) will see his ability to 'press-on' come under the microscope when the team travels to New Zealand in February for the three-test series.

Attention amongst Somerset supporters turned to Jos Buttler and the two-game T20 mini-series.

In the opening game in Pune on December 20th the 22-year-old, batting at number six came in England wobbling on 100 for 4 before crashing a 21-ball 34 which included three 6s.

However the hosts eased to a relatively comfortable five-wicket win.

Two days later there was better news for the tourists with Buttler unbeaten with a seven-ball 15 as skipper Eoin Morgan smashed a straight six off the last ball to secure an impressive six wicket triumph.

Buttler is joined by Somerset colleague Craig Kieswetter for the five 50 over one day internationals beginning in Rajkot on January 11th.

encouraging news

Back at Taunton there is encouraging news ahead of the 2013 campaign.

Pete Trego, who had such a magnificent 2012 season, has put pen to paper and signed a new three-year contract to stay at the County Ground.

The Weston-super-Mare born all-rounder was crowned FTI Most Valuable Player across all 17 counties after scoring 897 runs and taking 67 wickets in all competitions.

Trego will be joined by Pakistani Abdur Rehman. The 32-yeard-old left-arm spinner made an immediate impact in his four championship games for the county last season taking 27 wickets at just 14.18 including a superb haul of 9 for 65 against Worcestershire at Taunton back in September.

But Rehman also made the headlines off the field for the wrong reasons when he tested positive for cannabis during his 12–week spell in the country.

Guy Lavender SCCC chief executive said on the club website: "The club in no way condones the use of illegal drugs.

"It was heartening to see that he admitted his mistake and has been punished accordingly.

"It is now time to move on and I am very confident he will do extremely well for us next season".

A new face for the season sees the arrival of Alviro Petersen.

The 32-year-old batsman is the latest in a long line of South African overseas players turn out at the county ground going right back to the outstanding Jimmy Cook back in 1989-91.

But perhaps the most significant news is the appointment of David Nosworthy as successor to Brian Rose as Director of Cricket.

The South African, 45 on Christmas day, has previously coached the Canterbury Titans in New Zealand and the Highveld Lions in his home country.

Nosworthy tweeted: "I'm delighted & excited to be joining @SomersetCCC as their new Director of Cricket early next year! Big things ahead for sure & can't wait!"

Promotion clinched in Gala Final

SQUAD of 32 swimmers represented Chard & District Swimming Club in the final round of the Western Division National Swimming League held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, December 8th.

Chard were competing with the top eight clubs in the Division final, and as such were against stiff opposition; they were not intimidated however and maintained a strong position throughout the gala to secure third place overall and promotion to Division 2 next season.

top three positions

Down on a few swimmers this round, Chard still achieved 26 top three positions in the 50 events.

Individual first places went to Tessa Down 15 in the Open Girls 100m Breaststroke, and Henry Taswell 11 in the 11/under 50m backstroke.

The Relay Teams continued to show the determined swimming seen in earlier rounds, with first places going to the Girls 13/under Freestyle and Medley teams.

Full Team: Girls: Abi Dare, Tessa Down, Melissa Hanson, Lauren Harrison, Susan Ross, Elisha Hawkins, Hope Horsfield, Abi Bonning, Flo Swan, Xanthe Dyer, Daisy Brett, Jess Patch, and Jess Fowler.

Boys: Luke van den Barselaar, Jake Hallam, Dan Andrews, Ben Fowler, Joe Spurway, Oli Bilbie, Jamie Pullinger, Jamie Lillington, Ashley Lillington, Paul Harrison, Lewis Pearson, Iain Ross, Ben Greenslade, Henry Taswell, Leo Kindred, Leo Bonning, and Simon Davis.

Congratulations to all the swimmers for another great performance, and a big thank you to all the Club coaches, officials, team managers, and timekeepers who all helped the Club host the event and make it a success.

If you want to find out more about Chard Swimming Club or are interested in joining we have sessions for age 5/6 upwards at pools in Chard, Axminster, Crewkerne and long course training at Millfield.

Please visit our web-site at www.chardswimming.org

gymnastics

Honiton lads set sights on European trials

■ BUSTER Tutcher and Ashley Wallis - hand-stand on head

HONITON acrobatic gymnasts Ashley Wallis and Buster Tutcher have their sights firmly set on trials for the European Age Group Championships after securing their third silver medal in a row at British Championship events.

Honiton Community College Student Ashley (13) and his acrobatic partner Buster – also 13 and a pupil at the Woodroffe School in Lyme Regis – took their most recent silver medal at the British Tournament in Stoke on Trent.

Their score of 27.05 put them just behind rivals from Heathrow Gymnastics Club and ahead of the bronze medallists from Horsham in Surrey.

"The boys performed excellently," said high performance coach James Reddy, "showing strength of character after qualifying for the final in fourth position.

They picked up their performance and increased their score in the final by almost a full mark.

The routine included two new balances where Ashley balances on one hand on Buster's head – something they've never performed before in a national competition."

This latest result puts the boys in a strong position to be selected to trial for the European Championships, which take place in October 2013 near Lisbon in Portugal. "They still have a great deal of hard work to do over the next four months, even to be selected to trial," added James, "and will have to improve their average score by more than a full mark for each routine.

"I'm confident that they will put in the hard work that is needed though and add some more moves to their repertoire that will not only help them stand out from the crowd but also increase the difficulty of their routines."

More exceptional results for Honiton's mixed and women's pairs

IN addition to Buster and Ashley's success, Honiton also had some exceptional results in the 11-16 mixed pair category – where partnerships narrowly missed out on medals – and in the 11-16 women's pair event.

In the mixed pairs 10-year-old Megan Jones and 15-year-old Adam Fullick finished in fourth position.

In joint fifth position were 11-year-old Charlotte Beviss and 16-year-old Josh Jackson alongside 11-year-old Megan Cross and 15-year-old Sean Kingston.

In the women's pairs event – the most competitive category of the weekend – Honiton's Kaisha Dessalines-Wright and Alice Hewstone finished in 11th position.

"It's an achievement in itself to have five partnerships that reach a high enough standard to compete at British Championship events," added James.

"Many of the clubs we compete against have full-time coaches, purpose built facilities, and more than 1,000 members.

But we're showing that, despite Honiton only being a small town, we can challenge the best in the country."

Thirty four gymnasts from Honiton's squad have also just finished a five-show appearance at Ivybridge Community College where they performed a dramatic 'Vampires' routine in front of a total of more than 2,000 spectators.

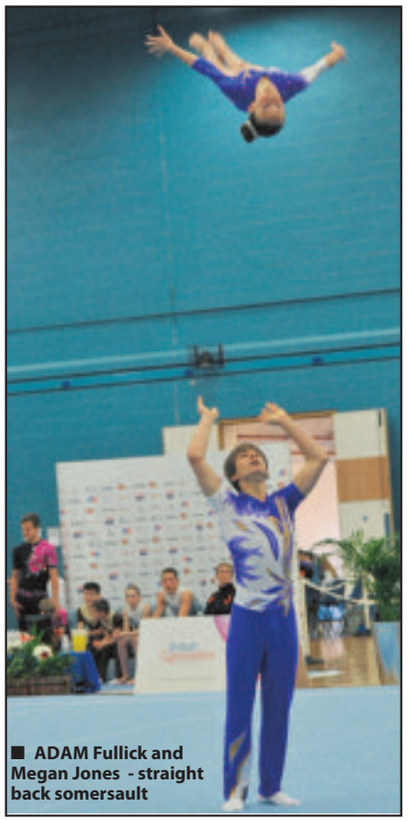
The theatrical piece, which was a highlight of the three-hour show, was scheduled to be used at the club's Christmas display on December 21st and will also be performed at a number of local fetes and galas in summer 2013.

To find out more about Honiton Gymnastics Club, which caters for all age groups and abilities (including adult classes), visit www.honitongymclub.org.

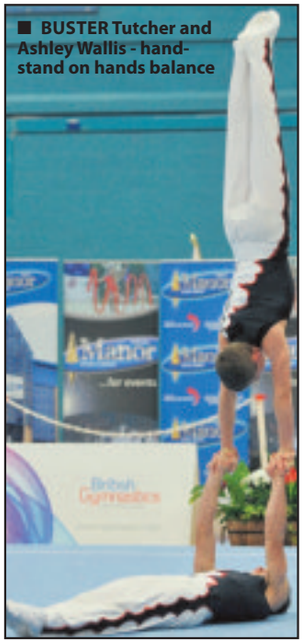
To see Buster and Ashley's medal-winning routine, visit the British Gymnastics TV channel at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FBGdlb7ZKrQ

■ BUSTER Tutcher and Ashley Wallis - one arm crocodile on head balance

■ SEAN Kingston and Megan Crosse - routine pose



■ ADAM Fullick and Megan Jones - straight back somersault



■ BUSTER Tutcher and Ashley Wallis - hand-stand on hands balance

■ BUSTER Tutcher and Ashley Wallis - 1 arm crocodile standing

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golf round-up

Win for Weston

AXE CLIFF WITH JANET DACK

CONSIDERING the recent extremely wet weather the recent Seniors December Medal was rain free with little wind, which resulted in some the excellent scores.

The winner, with a superb 66 nett, was Dave Weston (21), whose inward half 40, helped him to beat Alan Vincent (19), the early leader with 67, one stroke.

Two players returned scores of 68 but third place on countback went to Mike Jamieson (25) with Roger Hill (18) the player to miss out on the prizes.

There were four 2s, from John Mant, Nick Stanton, Geoff Hubbard and Vincent.

HONITON WITH ANDY WAGNER

THE last Chivers Goblets to be played in 2012 was last Tuesday's competition a 'Drawn for partners', Greensome Stableford.

The winners were Jane Watts and Andy Sharland with 37pts. In 2nd place with 36pts were Olwen Eaton and Max Pipe with 3rd place going to Lady Vice-Captain Pam Greenaway and Jason Gosling with 35pts.

cribbage round-up

HONITON LEAGUE

FIXTURES: (January 3rd) Blacksmith Arms v Thirsty Farmer, Feniton Soc A v Vine Inn B, Honiton Inn B v Feniton Soc B, Kings Arms v New Fountain, Winslade Club v Workingmens B, Workingmens A v Honiton Inn A.

	Pld	Pts
Thirsty Farmer	15	71
Vine Inn A	15	68
New Fountain	15	65
Blacksmith Arms	15	65
Workingmens B	15	63
Kings Arms	14	60
Winslade Club	15	60
Workingmens A	14	54
Feniton Soc B	14	54
Feniton Soc A	14	53
Honiton Inn B	15	52
Vine Inn B	15	52
Honiton Inn A	14	43

RESULTS:
December 20th:
Feniton Soc B 7 Vine Inn A 1, New Fountain 4 Blacksmith Arms 4, Thirsty Farmer 5 Winslade Club 3,Vine Inn B 7 Workingmens A 1, Workingmens B 4 Honiton Inn B 4. Honiton Inn A v Kings Arms postponed due to floods.

CAPTAINS CUP	Pld	W	L	Pts
Lionel Hawkins	15	10	5	10
Lorraine White	14	9	5	9
Hedley Hawkins	15	9	6	9
Terresa Baldwin	15	9	6	9
Maureen Pendrick	14	8	6	8
Rita Freemantle	15	8	7	8
Amelia Bath	14	7	7	7
Audrey Hawkins	15	7	8	7
Dave Field	14	6	8	6
Julie Davies	15	6	9	6
Steve Pettitt	15	6	9	6
Mike Dent	14	5	9	5
Brenda Flood	15	5	10	5

RESULTS: December 20th: Brenda Flood 1 Terresa Baldwin 0, Hedley Hawkins 0 Lorraine White 1, Julie Davies 0 Rita Freemantle 1, Lionel Hawkins 0 Steve Pettitt 1, Maureen Pendrick 1 Audrey Hawkins 0, Mike Dent v Dave Field postponed due to floods.

LYME REGIS LEAGUE

RESULTS: **Monday, December 17th:** Lamb Swans 1 Nags Head LR 4, New Inn Kilmington B 3 New Inn Kilmington A 2, Royal Oak 4 Stepps 1, Axminster Con Club 3 Beer Club 2.

BEER LEAGUE: Lamb Swans 1 Nags Head LR 2, New Inn Kilmington B 3 New Inn Kilmington A 0, Royal Oak 2 Stepps 1, Axminster Con Club 1 Beer Club 2.

FIXTURES
No games until Jan 7th.

Table	Pld	W	L	F	A	Pts
Ship Inn Lyme Regis	12	9	3	38	22	38
Nags Head Lyme Regis	13	7	6	38	27	38
Beer Club	12	8	4	37	23	37
Gerrard Arms Colyton	12	7	5	35	25	35
Axminster Con Club	13	8	5	34	31	34
New Inn Kilmington B	12	6	6	30	30	30
Royal Oak Charmouth	12	6	6	29	31	29
Lamb Swans	12	5	7	25	35	25
Stepps	13	3	10	24	41	24
New Inn Kilmington A	11	2	9	15	40	15

Beer League	Pld	W	L	F	A	Pts
Ship Inn Lyme Regis	12	9	3	23	13	23
Beer Club	12	8	4	19	17	19
Gerrard Arms Colyton	12	7	5	19	17	19
Axminster Con Club	13	4	9	19	20	19
Lamb Swans	12	5	7	18	18	18
Nags Head Lyme Regis	13	5	8	18	21	18
Royal Oak Charmouth	12	7	5	17	19	17
New Inn Kilmington B	12	6	6	17	19	17
Stepps	13	4	9	17	22	17
New Inn Kilmington A	11	6	5	16	17	16

equestrian point-to-point

Wessex area Point-to-Point season preview

Compiled by Brian Armstrong and Bob Bracher

THE 2013 WESSEX Area season preview continued;

Dorset/Devon Border

GORDON Herrod will race three horses, including Feel The Beat, from his **Axminster** base.

Dalmatian and Mullins Mill, a good third at Treborough Hill and Upcott Cross last season, complete the team.

Wiltshire

CHARLOTTE Tizzard, who enjoyed a splendid first season at **Wingfield** near Trowbridge, relies on the same three horses for 2012/13.

These are Coombe Hill, winner of two points plus hunter chases at Taunton and the Cheltenham Hunter Chase evening, the promising Little Cornham, who won his first two point to points, and Larkhill winner Parstara, who is likely to appear early in the campaign.

Figheldean near Larkhill Racecourse owner-trainers Sally and Stan Rawlins will again race Righteous Glory, who took his tally to four in the Royal Artillery Hunt race in January.

Camilla Baylis, who sent out Shooter's Wood to win at the 2010 Cheltenham Hunter Chase evening, will race Chepstow Flat race winner Blue Spartan, who has finished in the frame in half of his six hurdle races, from her **Maiden Bradley** base.

Faneuil Hall and Choice Connection have retired, so Lester and Katie Symonds rely on Saketini to represent their home near **Warminster**.

Sutton Veny owner-trainer Caroline Hobbs has retained Brahamagiri, the winner of two races last season and Rokshi who was placed in a maiden.

Philip Thomas, who opened his account on Brahamagiri at Larkhill, will continue to ride for Caroline.

Winterslow handler Sharon Brown is busy teaching via her Real Riders Club, but has retained Mayo Rock, who was in the frame in his three 2011/12 outings and is likely to reappear in January.

■ THE region's point-to-pointers are all geared up and ready to go for what is sure to be an exciting 2013 season.

FIXTURE LIST

Jan 6th: Larkhill Racing Club (W).
Jan 26th: Royal Artillery, Larkhill (W).
Feb 3rd: South Dorset, Milborne St Andrew (D).
Feb 9th: Combined Services, Larkhill (W).
Feb 24th: Countryside Alliance, Badbury Rings (D).
Mar 3rd *(pr)*: Taunton Vale Foxhounds, Kingstone St Mary (S).
Mar 10th *(pr)*: Blackmore & Sparkford Vale, Charlton Horethorne (DS).
Mar 16th *(pr)*: New Forest, Larkhill (W).
Mar 17th: Quantock Staghounds, Cothelstone (S).
Mar 23rd: Wilton, Milborne St Andrew (D).
Mar 24 *(pr)*: Mendip Farmers, Ston Easton
Mar 30th (Easter Saturday) *(pr)*: Avon Vale, Larkhill (W).
Mar 30th (Easter Saturday): Cotley (S).
Apr 1st (Easter Monday): Taunton Vale Harriers, Kingston St Mary (S).
Apr 7th: Portman, Badbury Rings (D).
Apr 14th *(pr)*: West Somerset Vale, Cothelstone (S).
Apr 20th *(pr)*: South & West Wilts, Larkhill (W).
Apr 21st *(pr)*: Seavington, Littlewindsor (D).
Apr 28th: Hursley Hambledon, Larkhill (W).
May 5th: Devon & Somerset Staghounds, Holnicote (S).
May 6th (Bank Holiday Monday) *(pr)*: Cattistock, Littlewindsor (D).
May 12th: Minehead Harriers & West Somerset, Littlewindsor (D).
May 15th *(pr)*: Weston & Banwell Harriers, Cothelstone (S).
(Key: D = Dorset, S = Somerset, W = Wiltshire, pr = Meeting oncludes pony racing.)

◆ **For a free colour leaflet detailing all the meetings in the Wessex area, send an SAE to Gill Armstrong, Pantiles, Penselwood, Wincanton, Somerset BA9 8NF.**

skittles colyton league

Division 1
Lamb 340 (S Kowal 72) Honiton WMC A 311 (S Charlton 62); Red Lion A 440 (Maggie Miller 84) Vine B 409 (C Bishop 73); Offwell A 345 (J Lockyer 67) Red Lion Cavaliers 350 (W Phillips 68); Three Tuns A 431 (S Lapping 82) Gerrard A 411 (T Underdown 75); Gerrard B 306 (N Maddocks 55) Honiton Con D 340 (Wil Tratt 66); Axminster Con A 362 (T Wellman 75) New Inn A 354 (R Webb 65); Axe Vale sc B 388 (P Garner 72) Lamb A 349 (T Moore, B Moore 60).

Division 2
Axminster Carpets B 346 (M Barnes, A Freeman 64) Eagle Tavern 347 (C Hutchings 65); Vine A 349(C Every 65) Tuckers Arms B 330 (P Strawbridge 60); Sidbury Stones 342 (N Hill, J Woodfield 59) Beer Vikings 369 (J Newton 70); Mountbatten Whites 336 (R Webb 61) Sidbury sc A 344 (T Pares 67); Colcombe A 373 (G Parsons 67) Harbour C 387 (R Gush 78); Winstons/ Colyton Club 366 (G Hartnell 67) Beer sc B 325 (M Archibold 63); Tuckers Arms A 361 (D Dower, J Lawrence 64 62) Harbour A 381 (A Spiller, D Minchin 71).

Division 3
Volunteer B 308 (S Isaac 59) Ship A 307 (K Morley, T Hammett 57); Awliscombe Harts 405 (P Richards 71) White Hart B 392 (S Robinson 74); Tuckers Arms C 384 (T Patch 73) Volunteer A 405 (M Turner 76); New Inn B 327 (D Hodder 60) Axminster Carpets A 320 (P Anton 65); Beer Albion 348 (C Hales 66) Axe Vale sc C 328 (A Ostler 77); Harbour Beerboys 389 (N Hales 74) Red Lion Sidbury 393 (B Pulman 84); Rising Sun A 346 (A Baldwin 67) Seaton AFC A 347 (J French 62).

Division 4
Honiton Con B 312 (P Rutland 55) Heathfield A 312 (A Doble 62); Seaton Bowling club 305 (Rhonda Follenfant 63) Honiton Con A 312 (F Crabb 57); Honiton WMC B 334 (G Richards 72) Red Cow A 314 (M Joslin, R Bourne 57); Beer sc A 340 (S Ward 72) Axminster Inn A 321 (R Bebb 58); Kings Arms A 296 (B Addington 55) Rising Sun B 304 (N Curtin 67); Kingfisher B 309 (C Solway, B Dowell 55) Kingfisher A 325 (S Richards 65); Colcombe B v bye.

Division 5
Honiton Con BTP 332 (I Wilson 65) Old Inn 325 (Celia McEwen 60); Seaton AFC B 349 (D Park 70) Beer sc D 345 (J Potter 63); Heathfield B 320 (Marion Fletcher 58) Tuckers D 353 (O Fuller 70); PJs B 333 (M Nield 62) PJs A 359 (Jackie Quaterly 78); White Hart A 353 (B Parr 64) Three Tuns Hammers 380 (O Rice 78); Beer sc C 315 (L Matheson 61) Kings Arms B 294 (N Stone 58); Ship B v Offwell Rejects postponed.

Division One	Pld	Pts
Axe Vale SC B	13	22
Honiton Con D	13	22
Vine B	13	18
Axe Con A	13	15
Lamb A	13	14
Red Lion A	13	14
Red Lion Cavs	13	14
Gerrard A	13	12
Gerrard B	13	12
Honiton WMC A	13	12
Lamb B	13	10
New Inn A	13	8
Three Tuns A	13	6
Offwell A	13	3

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Winstons/Coly Cl	13	20
Mountbatten Wh	13	17
Tuckers Arms B	11	16
Harbour C	12	16
Harbour A	13	15
Colcombe A	12	14
Beer Vikings	13	102
Sidbury SC A	13	12
Sidbury SC Stones	13	12
Vine A	13	12
Axe Carpets B	13	9
Beer SC B	13	8
Eagle Tavern	13	8
Tuckers Arms A	13	7

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Voluteer A	13	24
Red Lion Sidbury	13	18
Harbour BB	13	16
Awlisc Harts	13	14
Ship A	13	14
Volunteer B	13	14
Axe Vale SC C	13	12
New Inn B	13	12
White Hart B	13	12
Beer Albion	13	10
Seaton FC A	13	10
Tuckers Arms C	13	10
Axe Carpets A	13	8
Rising Sun A	13	8

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Beer SC A	12	20
Axe Inn A	12	18
Honiton Con A	12	16
Colcombe B	12	15
Heathfield A	12	13
Rising Sun B	12	13
Kingfisher A	12	12
Honiton Con B	12	11
Kings Arms A	12	10
Honiton WMC B	12	8
Seaton BC	12	8
Kingfisher B	12	6
Red Cow A	12	6

Division Five	Pld	Pts
Three Tuns Hamm	11	20
Beer SC D	13	20
Beer Sc C	12	18
Honiton Con BTP	13	16
Seaton FC B	13	16
Kings Arms B	13	15
White Hart A	12	12*
Offwell Rejects	12	11
Ship B Shipmunks	11	10
Tuckers Arms D*	11	8
PJs A	13	7
Heathfield B	13	6
Old Inn B	13	5
PJs B	12	4

(points deducted)*

Game Set and Match! Triumphs for Chard Tennis Club

CHARD Tennis Club had their Christmas party last Friday when Amanda Campbell, Club Chair, gave a speech and presented cups to team captains.

The Ladies A team won Division 1 in the Yeovil & District League and the local Knock Out Cup.

The Ladies B Team won Division 3 and will be promoted, for the second year running, to Division 2. The Ladies C team also did well finishing third in Division 4.

A special mention was made to the Club Coach, Sally Freeman, for her endless encouragement and enthusiasm. Sally is a member of the GB Veterans team.

The Club is also privileged to have Jacky Boothman as a member. Jacky is also a veteran tennis player and has recently returned from Croatia where she represented Great Britain in the World Team Championships.

Further successes for the club were achieved in the Mixed Doubles league with promotion to Division 1 being secured by the Chard A team who completed the season in second place in Division 2.

Chard also fielded a second Mixed team and a Men's team in the League.

These teams had some successes but were hampered by injuries to key players.

New players

New players are always welcomed.

If you enjoy playing tennis, want to exercise and keep fit, play social tennis or play for the club in matches, please come along to club night on a Tuesday evening at Zembard Lane (access via Chard Town FC).

Tennis is played all through the year at the club which has three well maintained all weather tennis courts, two of which are floodlit.

For any information about the Club, playing or coaching, please contact Sally Freeman – email: sdfreeman@btinternet.com, phone 01460 220854 or go to the website – www.chardtennis.co.uk

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Final 2012 successes for local swimmers

Chard & District Swimming Club competed in their final competition of 2012 last weekend at the Yeovil Christmas Open Meet held over two days at Millfield *writes Hannah Pullinger*.

Twenty-five swimmers aged between nine and 17 took part, notching up some great performances which yielded 38 top three medal positions; 12 Golds, 14 Silvers and 12 Bronze.

In addition 27 regional qualifying times and an amazing 66 County times were also achieved over the two days between the swimmers.

Golds went to: Jake Hallam 15, in 100m freestyle, 100m butterfly and 200m Individual Medley, Ben Fowler 15, 50 and 100m backstroke, Abi Dare 15, in 50 and 100m backstroke, Melissa Hanson 15, 400m freestyle, Tessa Down 15, 50 and 100m breaststroke, Elisha Hawkins 13, 200m breaststroke, and Xanthe Dyer 10, 200m butterfly.

Silvers were awarded to: Luke van den Barselaar 17, in 50, 100 and 200m backstroke, 100 and 200m freestyle, 50m butterfly, Hannah Pullinger 16, 50m freestyle, Jake Hallam 16, 100m breaststroke and 200m butterfly, Abi Dare 15, 100m freestyle and 200m Individual Medley, Melissa Hanson 15, 400m Individual Medley, Elisha Hawkins 13, 50 and 100m breaststroke.

Bronzes went to: Wilf Gosden 17, 100 and 200m breaststroke, Hannah Pullinger 16, 100 and 200m breaststroke, Ben Fowler 15, 200m backstroke, Abi Dare 15, 100m freestyle and 50m butterfly, Joe Spurway 200m freestyle, Tessa Down 50m backstroke, Melissa Hanson 15, 200m freestyle, Alex Phillips 15, 200m breaststroke, and Jamie Pullinger 14, 200m backstroke.

Other swimmers taking part and achieving many personal best times were: Nathan Roberts 15, Lauren van den Barselaar 14, Hope Horsfield 13, Florence Swan 13, Abbie Bonning 12, Jess Fowler 11, Simon Davis 11, Holly Dickinson 10, Leo Bonning 10, Leonie Housham 10, Michael Moulding 10, and Ben Webb 9.

The club is always looking for new members age seven and upwards; anyone interested in joining can come along for a free trial - contact us via our web-site www.chardswimming.org.uk

■ MOLE Avon Town & Country stores are sponsoring the Axminster Town Football club's under 12 side's match kits this season. Pictured left are the 'Tigers' youth coach Mike Walton and Mole Avon representative Rosie Herrod brandishing one of the shirts. Wood's Taxis and Riverside Repairs have sponsored the team's tracksuits.

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